

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with the Attorney of Record, Maria Comninou, on July 29, 2008. See attached Interview Summary.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims (see amendment filed on April 8, 2008):

In claim 12, line 4: replaced "unitarily formed" with - - monolithic - - and in the same line after "ends" inserted - - and a - - to clarify Applicant's invention.

In claim 12, line 5: inserted - - central portion extending - - before "along" to clarify Applicant's invention.

In claim 12, line 6: deleted "along the first arcuate end" and in the same line inserted - - substantially - - after first (third occurrence) and before "planar" to clarify Applicant's invention.

In claim 12, line 7: deleted "and" and in the same line replaced "perpendicularly" with - - perpendicular - - to correct a minor typographical error.

In claim 12, line 8: replaced "narrowing away" with - - tapering - - and in the same line inserted - - towards the central portion - - after "end (first occurrence)" and before "," to clarify Applicant's invention.

In claim 12, line 9: deleted "along the" to clarify Applicant's invention.

In claim 12, line 10: deleted "second arcuate end" and in the same line inserted - - substantially - - after "second (second occurrence)" and before "planar" to correct a minor typographical error.

In claim 12, line 11: deleted "and" and in the same line replaced "perpendicularly" with -- perpendicular -- and further in the same line replaced "narrowing" with -- tapering -- to clarify Applicant's invention.

In claim 12, line 12: deleted "away" and in the same line inserted -- towards the central portion -- after "end" and before "wherein" to clarify Applicant's invention.

In claim 12, line 20: replaced "arcuate" with -- substantially planar -- to correct a minor typographical error.

In claim 12, line 26: inserted -- elongated -- after "second" and before "worm (first occurrence)" and in the same line inserted -- elongated -- after "first" and before "worm (second occurrence)" for consistency.

In claim 12, line 28: replaced "arcuate" with -- substantially planar -- to correct a minor typographical error.

In claim 16, line 2: replaced "of less" with -- subtending angles less -- to clarify Applicant's invention.

In claim 18, line 5: replaced "unitarily formed" with -- monolithic -- and in the same line inserted -- and a -- after "ends" to clarify Applicant's invention.

In claim 18, line 6: inserted -- central portion extending -- before "along" to clarify Applicant's invention.

In claim 18, line 7: replaced "of less" with -- subtending an angle less -- to clarify Applicant's invention.

In claim 18, line 8: replaced "of less" with -- subtending an angle less -- to clarify Applicant's invention.

In claim 18, line 10: replaced "longitudinal axis" with -- central portion -- to clarify Applicant's invention.

In claim 18, line 12: deleted "and" and replaced "perpendicularly" with -- perpendicular -- to correct a minor typographical error.

In claim 18, line 13: replaced "narrowing away" with -- tapering -- to correct a minor typographical error.

In claim 18, line 14: replaced "along the longitudinal axis" with -- towards the central portion -- to clarify Applicant's invention.

In claim 22, line 2: replaced "unitarily formed" with -- monolithic -- to clarify Applicant's invention.

In claim 22, line 7: inserted "substantially planar" after "second" and before "flanges" to clarify Applicant's invention.

In claim 22, line 9: inserted -- first and second -- after "the" and before "pivot (second occurrence)" to clarify Applicant's invention and in the same line inserted -- being -- after "axes (second occurrence)" and before "substantially" to correct a minor typographical error.

In claim 22, line 12: inserted -- being -- after "members" and before "substantially" to correct a minor typographical error.

In claim 22, line 16: replaced "first (second occurrence)" with -- third -- to clarify Applicant's invention.

In claim 22, line 17: replaced "second" with -- fourth -- to clarify Applicant's invention.

In claim 22, line 19: inserted -- being -- after "axes" and before "substantially" to clarify Applicant's invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anu Ramana whose telephone number is (571) 272-4718. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday between 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eduardo Robert can be reached on (571) 272-4719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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